GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL MINING
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether illegal mining has caused great loss to the national exchequer;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether the section 23c of the MMDR Act, 1957 was amended in 1999 empowering State governments to frame rules for prevention of illegal mining;

(d) if so, the details of State Governments who have framed the rules, till date; state-wise; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by Government to ensure that all the State Governments frame rules in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES(DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a)&(b) Illegal mining causes loss of revenue to the State Governments, which would have otherwise accrued in form of royalty and other taxes.

(c)to(e) Under section 23C of Mines & Minerals (Development& Regulation) Act, 1957; State Governments have been empowered to frame rules for preventing of illegal mining, transportation & storage of minerals and for the purpose connected therein. 16 States i.e Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Goa, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Jammu & Kashmir Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, & West Bengal have framed rules. State Governments, which have not framed Rules under Section 23C of the MMDR Act, 1957 are reminded from time to time for ensuring early framing of such rules.